

Celebrating The Life Of
Honorable Apostle Ray E Mack

July 7, 1932


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"MY SOUL LOVES JESUS"



Service

*East Oakland Faith Deliverance Center Church
7425 International Boulevard
Oakland, California
Pastor Albert Williams, Officiating*



A Glimpse Into the Life and Ministry of The Honorable Apostle Ray Edward Mack

On July 7, 1932, in the small town of Smackover, Arkansas the person we have come to know as Apostle Ray E. Mack was born. As we all know by now, that was no ordinary birth because Apostle Mack was no ordinary man. Although it appeared to Apostle Mack that his life was insignificant compared to others around him, God had a plan and a purpose. God orchestrated circumstances and various situations to fulfill His purpose in Apostle Mack's life.

At a very young age, a tragic accident happened in which Apostle Mack's grandmother was killed in a car accident and that left his father temporarily disabled with two broken legs. Due to these unfortunate circumstances, Apostle Mack had to drop out of school to support the entire family while his father recuperated. However, that didn't stop him-his determination to receive a diploma paid off, and he later received his High School Diploma from Smackover Training School in Smackover, Arkansas.

Growing weary from all these calamities at such a young age, Apostle Mack could not help but wonder, "Why Me?" However, in November of 1952 God's plan for Apostle Mack's life began to manifest itself --- things began to change, and at last there was a glimmer of light. Lela Williams, his cousin, drove all the way from Richmond, California to visit the family in Arkansas. She did not know that God had sent her to bring Apostle Mack to California. When she returned to California "her excited to be out Arkansas" cousin was with her, our own Pastor Ray E Mack.

After arriving in California with a desire to further his education, he enrolled at the Oakland Junior College (now known as Alameda College). Shortly after his enrollment in school, he was drafted into the United States Army and immediately sent to Korea. Coming from a very small town in Arkansas, he considered his placement in the War Zone as literally "hell on earth". He soon learned that things could get much worse very quickly.

Without warning, a mortar shell scored a direct hit in the foxhole where he and other soldiers were hiding for protection against the enemy. Suddenly, a blinding light and unmerciful pain sent him into a state of unconsciousness. When he finally gained consciousness, he looked and behold his arm was partially blown off, and was left dangling by only a few strands of muscle tissue. He was totally paralyzed, he was told he would never walk again.

After being hospitalized in Korea for over sixteen months, he underwent several major surgeries and rehab treatment for months suffering excoriating pain. He only had one visitor, a Red Cross volunteer. His condition was further complicated by the development of kidney failure, tuberculosis, and cancer of the lungs. He was deemed terminal; no doubt his family in Arkansas thought they would never see him alive again....but he had a Praying Mother!

Once he was able to travel, the US Army immediately sent him back to the United States on a hospital ship, and He was taken to the Veterans Hospital in San Francisco, California. And once again he thought, "Why Me?"

But God began to deal with him mightily. His attitude changed from "Why Me?" to "Lord let me live". In the midnight hour God spoke to him saying, "Therefore I say unto you, what things so ever you desire when you pray, BELIEVE that you receive them and you shall have them", St. Mark 11:24. Apostle Mack prayed and believed God's Word, and the Lord healed him. Upon his release from the Veterans Hospital in San Francisco, he began to search out God's Will for his life and was led by the Holy Ghost to visit the East Oakland Church of God In Christ, where the Honorable Bishop Martin J. Clifton was pastor. There he met the God he had so often heard his mother speak of, and it was there he received God's salvation and was made completely whole.

In 1963, he was called into the Ministry to preach the Gospel and travelled extensively with Evangelist Ted Byrd. In 1966, he returned to the Bay Area conducting revivals in local churches with signs and wonders confirming his call to the ministry. In 1967, he founded the first Deliverance Ministry in the State of California The East Oakland Faith Deliverance Center Church at 8901 Mac Arthur Boulevard in Oakland. People came from far and near to be blessed, healed, and delivered in his miracle nightly services. Apostle Mack was a loving husband and father. He was also a father to so many others, and he especially loved His Church Family!

Summary of Accomplishments in the Ministry of God's General - Apostle Ray Edward Mack

- † **1963** He was called to the ministry to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ.
- † **1966** He conducted revivals in many local churches, and God confirmed his word in his life by signs and wonders (Mark 16:17); many people were miraculously healed and delivered.
- † **January, 1967** God directed Pastor Mack to open his first church, the East Oakland Faith Deliverance Center Church located at 8901 MacArthur Boulevard in Oakland, California. He chartered buses from various cities to transport members and visitors to the services. Also he was on the KFOX radio station at 3:15 pm daily for over 10 years (KEST); and television.
- † **August 9, 1970** The East Oakland Deliverance Center church moved to a new location at 7425 International Boulevard in Oakland, California.
- † **September, 1983** Inspired by God, Pastor Mack opened the Raymond Edward Mack Christian Academy, grades K-12. As a result of his concern for the education of youth, he received an Honorary Doctorate of Humanities from the jurisdiction of Christ International Churches.
- † **1995** He was ordained as Apostle; and later became an Apostle presiding over churches in Honolulu, Hawaii and Hilo, Hawaii Hilo Faith Deliverance Center; and House of Prayer Deliverance Center in Richmond, California.
- † **1999** The church received funding from the CA Department of Public Health/Public Health Institute to begin a health ministry. Church and community members were engaged, educated, and empowered to address health disparities within the Black/African American and Latino populations. One solution was to increase community access to fresh fruit and vegetables through a certified farmer's market. The East Oakland Farmers Market was held on the church parking lot, and opened on Fridays from April to October for almost 10 years.



MEMORIAL SERVICE
CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF THE HONORABLE APOSTLE RAY E MACK

Order of Service

Musical Prelude

Organist

Opening Selection

East Oakland Faith Deliverance Center Reunion Choir

(I'm His, He's Mine)

Master of Ceremonies

Pastor Eric Willis, Sr.

Opening Prayer

Assistant Pastor Timothy Williams

Old & New Testament Scripture

Elder Clifford Phiher

Welcome

Sister Celestine White

Musical Selection

East Oakland Faith Deliverance Center Reunion Choir

(For The Rest of My Life)

Acknowledgements

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REFLECTIONS

The Mack Family

Ray Mack, Jr. / Eddie Jo Mack

East Oakland Faith Deliverance Center Church Family

Brother James Tobias / Mother Eula Turner

Reflections of Apostle Ray E. Mack's Life

Evangelist Wilma Gaines / Sister Jeanette Bowie

Musical Selection

East Oakland Faith Deliverance Center Reunion Choir

(There Is No Failure)

Expressions of Remembrance

The Youth Department

Lonnie Wright / Tania Pierce Williams

Inspirational Expressions

Clergy Appointee

Sermonic Solo

Alfreda Lyons-Campbell

The Messenger

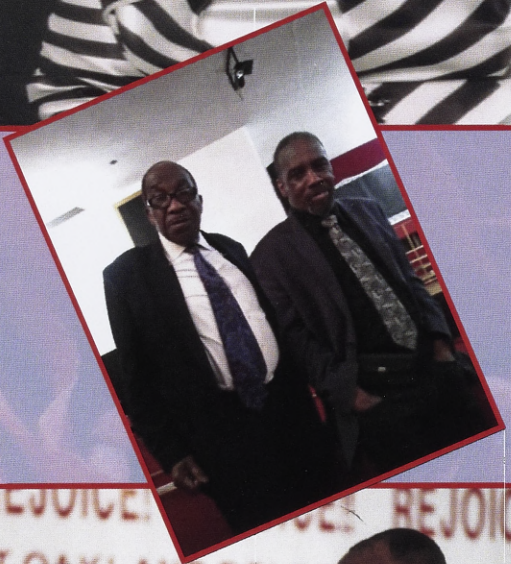
Apostle Victor Johnson – Stuttgart, AR

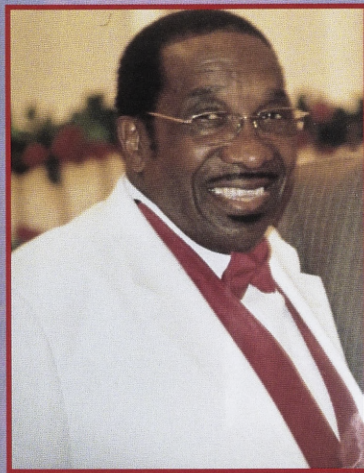
Closing Remarks & Benediction

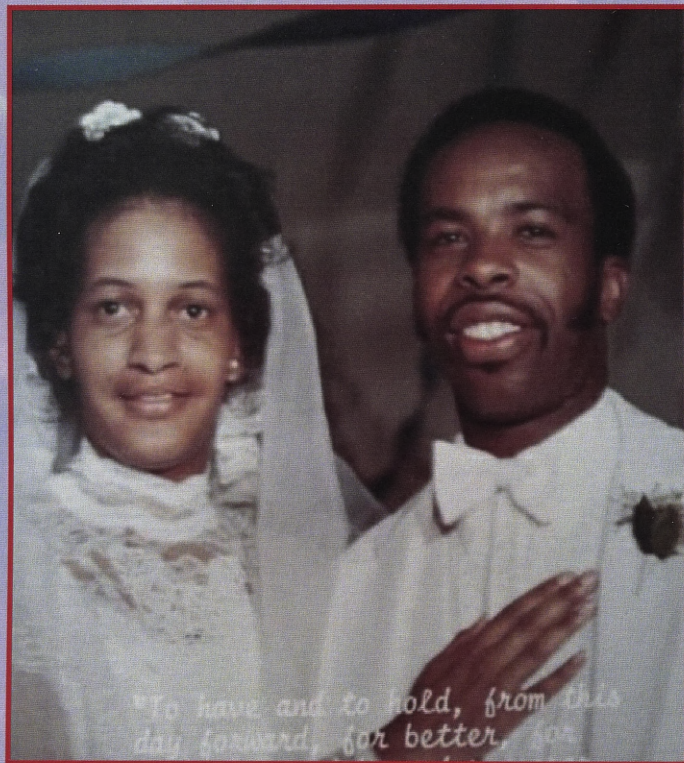
Pastor Albert Williams, Jr.













“Well Done, Thou Good and Faithful Servant”

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